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**PARRAMATTA STEAMERS.**  
THE Public are respectfully informed that to-morrow being Christmas Day, the packets will leave Sydney and Parramatta at 9 A.M., returning at half-past 4, and that there will be no mid day boat.  
Kellie's Wharf, December 24. 10848

**STEAM TO MORETON BAY.**  
THE Steam Packet Tamar, J. Murphy, commander, will sail on Wednesday, at 8 P.M. JAMES PATTERSON, Secretary.  
H.R.S.N. Co.'s Wharf. 10851

**FOR MORETON BAY.**  
THE favourite clipper-ship, ELIZABETH JANE, Captain, will sail on Thursday next, December 27. For freight or passage apply to the master on board.  
December 24. 10859

**FOR TWO FOLD BAY AND PAMBULA.**  
THE fast-sailing schooner FANCY, will leave W. Walker and Co.'s Wharf, on Thursday next, December 27. For freight or passage apply to the master on board.  
10857

**PACKETS FOR MELBOURNE.**  
THE new clipper schooner A LICE, 108 tons, Captain Anderson, will sail on the 27th instant. For freight or passage, having good accommodation, apply on board, at the Flour Company's Wharf; or, to E. M. SAYERS, Port Phillip Packet Office, 489, George-street. 10715

**TO FOLLOW THE ALICE.**  
THE well-known schooner SUSAN, Captain Brown, having all her dead weight ready, is engaged to sail on the 30th instant. For freight or passage apply on board, or to E. M. SAYERS, Port Phillip Packet Office, 489, George-street. 10706

**FOR ADELAIDE DIRECT.**  
THE well-known packet brig EMMA, having much of her cargo ready to go on board, will have quick despatch. For freight or passage, having superior accommodation, apply to SHEPPARD AND ALGER, Packet Office, 470, George-street. 10837

**FOR PORTLAND BAY AND PORT FAIRY.**  
THE fine fast-sailing schooner ANTONES, 131 tons, Captain MacArthur, will commence receiving cargo at the Circular Quay on the 24th instant, and will positively sail for the above ports on Tuesday, the 1st January. For freight or passage apply to the Captain, on board; or, to THACKER AND CO., 641, George-street. Bedding furnished for cabin passengers. December 20. 10652

**FOR AUCKLAND DIRECT.**  
THE A1 barque REAPER, Captain James Rose, will have quick despatch, and have room for 100 tons of goods, on moderate terms. 10594

**FOR AUCKLAND DIRECT.**  
THE fine new fast-sailing schooner WILLIAM AND JAMES, 130 tons burthen, William Currie, master, is open to receive cargo. For freight or passage apply to SHEPPARD AND ALGER, Packet Office, 470, George-street. 10539

**FOR AUCKLAND AND CALIFORNIA.**  
THE A1 clipper barque REAPER, Captain James Rose, under charter for the gold regions, will proceed to Auckland for the gold regions, and will have quick despatch. For freight or passage to Auckland, or to California, via Auckland, apply to E. W. LAYTON AND CO., GEORGE C. FORBES, At Mr. Corrie's, Moore's Wharf. 10593

**WITH IMMEDIATE DISPATCH FOR PORT NICHOLSON.**  
THE fast-sailing regular trader WILLIAM ALFRED, 150 tons, Captain Tinsley, having much of her cargo ready will go in a few days. M. E. MURKIN, P. S.—Wanted about 40 to 45 tons, to be delivered alongside this morning, Monday; also, four good Carpenters, to caulk the decks. 10501

**THE FIRST SHIP FOR THE GOLD MINES.**  
THE A1, first-class ship RALPH BERNAL, 600 tons burthen, G. MacLaren, commander, is now being fitted in a superior manner, to meet the views of all passengers, and is under positive engagement to sail on the 30th January next. The greater part of her freight and passengers being already engaged, there will be no disappointment. The provisions of this ship will be of a superior kind, and the comfort and convenience of passengers will be particularly attended to. Passengers by this vessel will have the advantage of stopping on board ten days after arrival at San Francisco, and will be found in the best positions during that period, without the slightest charge. By this arrangement passengers will have an opportunity of looking out suitable employment, and home, and not be thrown ashore in a strange land, to pay the enormous and ruinous sums that have been paid for board and lodging at San Francisco. For freight or passage early application is necessary, to W. DEAN, 22, Church-hill. 10508

**FOR LONDON.**  
THE first-class ship AZTEC, 67 tons, Captain Wright, will be ready to receive cargo in a few days. For freight or passage, apply to the Captain, on board, at Campbell's Wharf, to J. B. METCALFE, or to LYALL, SCOTT, AND CO. 10879

**THE GOLD MINES OF CALIFORNIA.**  
Mr. Israel Solomon having recently arrived from San Francisco, by the De Rosa, and being now about to return to that settlement with his wife and family, and a number of friends, begs to inform the public that he has chartered

THE first-class new vessel WILLIAM AND MARY, (being now on her maiden trip) of 650 tons burthen, Robert Peier, master, to proceed with immediate despatch

This vessel is worthy of the consideration of parties about proceeding to the gold regions, having been got up under the superintendence of the Colonization Commissioners. She is lofty and roomy between decks, and her berths are fitted up with due regard to comfort and privacy. The provisions will be of the first order, the charter and her family provisions, with the vessel will be a guarantee both as to quantity and quality. Mr. Solomon will be happy to afford passengers by this vessel all necessary information respecting San Francisco and the adjacent country. The ship will be ready for inspection in a few days, and parties disposed to take their passage on board, may be arranged. Cargo can be taken immediately. The charterer being limited to time, has to inform all parties disposed to quit the colony, that he must proceed to sea on or about the 15th February, or earlier if his disengaged berths are taken up. Early application is necessary for cabin, intermediate, and steerage passage. For further particulars apply to the Captain, on board; or, to JOHN SOLOMON, Captain, George-street; and, to ISRAEL SOLOMON, Captain, George-street; and, to GEORGE MOSS, Custom House Agent, Near the Circular Quay. 10542

**FOR SAN FRANCISCO.**  
THE fine fast-sailing barque ORATOR, A1, 600 tons burthen, Captain Tait, will have quick despatch. This splendid vessel has now hauled to the Circular Quay for the convenience of passengers, who are requested to inspect the excellent accommodation (800 up and down), and the most approved principle, without delay. Early application is necessary to the Captain, on board, at the Circular Quay; or, to L. S. SPYER, or, to SHEPPARD AND ALGER, Packet Office, 470, George-street. 10605

**TO PASSENGERS BY THE ROSE, NICHOLSON TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.**  
PARTIES that have taken their passage, and paid their deposits, are requested to pay up the balance, as the vessel will sail in a few days. Two berths are still vacant. For further particulars apply on board, at the Commercial Wharf; or, to S. J. COHEN, Agent, Jamaica-street. 10417

**SHIP HARMONY FOR CALIFORNIA.**  
CARRIES AN EXPERIENCED SURGEON. Under engagement to sail on or about the 31st instant.

**HAVING the whole of her freight engaged, passengers are requested to pay their balances immediately, or the berths will be re-let. There are at present a few disengaged, for which early application is necessary to the Captain, on board, or to SHEPPARD AND ALGER, Packet Office, 470, George-street. 9765**

**FOR CALCUTTA.**  
THE fine A1 BARQUE LISMOYNE, 505 tons register, being unsolicited, and positively engaged, will positively sail on Thursday next. This vessel carries a Surgeon, and having superior accommodation, offers a good opportunity for passengers. For freight or passage early application is necessary to Captain Lamb, on board; or, to LAMB, PARBURY, AND CO., Sydney, December 21. 10745

**FOR CRYLON AND BOMBAY.**  
TO SAIL JANUARY 1, 1850. THE FINE A1 SHIP WILLIAM AND JAMES, 773 tons register, W. H. Currie, commander. This ship has first-rate accommodation for a few cabin passengers, and offers an eligible opportunity for parties going home via India. For freight or passage apply to the Captain, on board, at the Circular Quay; or, to 377 MONTEPIRE, GRAHAM, AND CO. 10413

**STEERAGE PASSAGE TO LONDON.**  
THE FINE SHIP KATE, 1000 tons, has accommodation for a few steerage passengers, for which immediate application is necessary. Apply on board, or to SWAIN, WEBBS, AND CO., Harrington-street. 10413

**FIRST WHOLE SHIP FOR LONDON FOR LIGHT FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS ONLY.**  
THE fine fast sailing barque KATE, 373 tons, H. Hutchinson, commander. Having nearly the whole of her cargo engaged, will meet with immediate despatch. Has good accommodation for a few cabin and steerage passengers. For freight or passage apply to J. AND S. SPYER, or J. T. ARMITAGE AND CO. 9939

**UNDER ENGAGEMENT TO SAIL ON JANUARY 20.**  
THE splendid frigate-ship WATERLOO, 900 tons, Henry Newby, commander, is now receiving cargo, and having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will sail on or about 10th January. Has one cabin disengaged. Apply for freight or passage on board, at Campbell's Wharf; or, to SMITH, CAMPBELL, AND CO., Spring-street. 10260

**FOR LONDON.**  
THE JANE CATHERINE, 550 tons register, A1 at Lloyd's, W. W. Wilson, Commander, will sail on or about 10th January. Has one cabin disengaged. Apply for freight or passage on board, at Campbell's Wharf, to J. B. METCALFE, or to LYALL, SCOTT, AND CO. 10879

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**KATE, FOR LONDON.**  
THE frigate-built (British) Ship KATE, 1000 tons, Captain Brodie, will positively sail the first week in January, and carry an experienced Surgeon. Intending passengers by her are requested to fix on their accommodations as early as convenient. For freight or passage apply to the Captain, on board, at Campbell's Wharf; or, to SWAIN, WEBBS, AND CO., Harrington-street. 10072

**FOR LONDON.**  
FOR WOOL AND PASSENGERS ONLY. THE fast-sailing A1 barque SIR EDWARD PAGE, 600 tons, A. W. Barclay, Commander. Has the greater portion of her cargo on board, and will sail in all December. Has one poop cabin disengaged, and room for a few steerage passengers, and a Surgeon. Apply to DONALDSON AND CO., GILCHRIST AND ALEXANDER, December 22. 10836

**FOR LONDON.**  
THE splendid frigate-built ship HAVING, A1 for thirteen years, 900 tons, John Fenwick, Commander. This fine vessel is on her first voyage, and is now ready to receive wool. The cabin is spacious, lofty, and well ventilated, and offers a most desirable opportunity for passengers proceeding to England. Apply to DONALDSON AND CO., GILCHRIST AND ALEXANDER, December 22. 10837

**FOR LONDON DIRECT.**  
THE JOHNSTONE, A1, 1200 tons, Captain Johnstone, will sail positively on the 17th February. Her accommodations for passengers are superior, and will carry an experienced Surgeon. For freight or passage apply to the Captain on board, or to GILCHRIST AND ALEXANDER, December 22. 10837

**FOR LONDON.**  
THE British-built barque TAMAR, A1, 12 years, 550 tons register, Thomas Colley Stainer, commander, is now ready to receive cargo, and will have quick despatch. This fine vessel was built under the personal inspection of the present owner, expressly intended for a passenger ship. She has a splendid poop, a separate ladies' cabin, and great height between decks; is well ventilated, and possesses excellent sailing qualities. For freight or passage apply to Captain Stainer, on board; or, to GILCHRIST AND ALEXANDER, or, to FLOWER, SALTING, AND CO. November 21. 8707

**FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.**  
THE fine A1 barque BRAZIL PACKET, 200 tons register, will be ready to sail in ten days, and is open for freight or charter to any port. For particulars apply to Captain Main, on board, at the Flour Wharf; or, to SMITH, BROTHERS, AND CO., Sussex-street. 10660

**WANTED TO CHARTER.**  
A Vessel, about 200 tons register. JOSEPH S. WILLIS, 10635

**ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.**  
A MEETING of persons interested in making arrangements for the Annual Regatta, will be held at Mr. Clark's, the Circular Quay Hotel, this Day, Monday, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M. 10557

**PETERSHAM RACES.**  
MRS. ALLISON, of the Queen's Arms Inn, South Head Road, begs to inform her friends and the public that she intends holding a Boon on the Peterham Race-course during the next week, which will commence on Wednesday, the 26th of December instant, at which place she will have her usual approved FRIENDLY SQUAD, which has always given so much satisfaction. Spittle, Juice, &c., will be found, on trial, to be as usual, of the very best quality. 10821

**TRAMWAY BILLS.**  
TENDERS FOR BILLS will be received at this Office, every Monday and Thursday, at noon. The Tenders must be sealed, and in duplicate marked "Tenders for Bills." T. W. RAMSAY, Dep. Com. Gen. 71

**BANK NOTICE.**  
TUESDAY next being Christmas Day, the Board of Directors of the Bank will meet on Wednesday, the 28th instant. Bills for Discount will be received till half-past two o'clock of that day. EDWARD KNOX, Manager. 10840

**SYDNEY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
Chairman, T. W. Ramsay, Esq. Deputy Chairman, Charles Kemp, Esq. Directors, Thomas Agars, Esq. [R. M. Robey, Esq. Thos. Holt, Jun., Esq. [W. R. Scott, Esq. Surveyor—James Hume, Esq. Secretary—George King, Esq. The Directors of the Sydney Fire Insurance Company call the attention of the public to the following reduced Scale of their Rates of Premium— Section A.—Shaded buildings, 5s. to 12s. per cent. Section B.—Shingled buildings, 6s. to 15s. per cent. Section C.—Weather-boarded buildings, 15s. to 20s. per cent. FIFTY PER CENT. of the Premium will be returned on the renewal, for twelve months, on all yearly Policies, so that the actual cost of Insurance will be ONE-HALF only of the above Rates. Application for Insurance to be made to the Secretary, at the Office of the Company, No. 397, Pitt-street. GEORGE KING, Secretary. 5789

**SYDNEY BRANCH IMPERIAL FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, OF LONDON.**  
THE undersigned grant Policies at the reduced rates. GILCHRIST, FANNING, AND CO. Agents, Spring-street. 5977

**SYDNEY RAILWAY COMPANY.**  
(INCORPORATED BY ACT OF COUNCIL.) NOTICE is hereby given, that a general meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Sydney Railway Company, No. 107, Elizabeth-street North, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January next, at the hour of twelve at noon. CHARLES COWPER, President. Railway Office, Sydney, December 20. 10818

**SECOND AUSTRALIAN BENEFIT INVESTMENT AND BUILDING SOCIETY.**  
OFFICES, NO. 20, MACQUARIE-PLACE. TRUSTEES, Geo. Allen, Esq. M.C. G. A. Lloyd, Esq. A. T. Holroyd, Esq. DIRECTORS, Arthur Savage, Esq. R.N. C. P. Piddle, Esq. Michael Metcalfe, Esq. W. S. Moutry, Esq. H. W. Way, Esq. Geo. Taylor, Esq. Mr. Charles Lowe, SECRETARY, Mr. Geo. L. Robinson. SURVEYORS, Messrs James Hume, J. W. Speland. BANKERS, Applications for Shares can be made at the Office of the Society, No. 20, Macquarie-street, between the hours of ten and four o'clock. GEO. J. ROBINSON, Secretary. 10838

**FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN.**  
LEISTNER MARSH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, No. 266. THE members of this lodge will assemble at the Lodge-room, ROYAL HOTEL, on Thursday, the 27th instant, at high twelve, according to pristine usage, for the installation of officers and other business, after which they will dine together in open lodge. Visiting brethren are invited to attend. On the following day, Friday, the 28th instant, a steamer, engaged for the purpose by the lodge, will start from Kellie's Wharf, at ten o'clock A.M., precisely, upon a MARINE EXCURSION throughout the harbour. Tickets for the picnic, to admit a brother, or a brother and one or two ladies, may be obtained upon application to the stewards. By order of the W.M., GEO. MACPHERSON, Secretary. 10526

**THE PINK ARTS.**  
An Adjourned Meeting of the Artists of Australia, (professional and amateur) will be held at Mr. Gray's Rooms, 455, George-street, on Friday, Monday, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of framing a series of resolutions in aid of the Fine Arts. The attendance of all parties interested in the above is earnestly requested. A rough plan of the amount of prizes to be awarded, in aid of the respective artists competing for the same. TOTAL AMOUNT 100 GUINEAS. For the best Oil Painting ..... 20 pounds. For the second best ditto ..... 10 " For the best Painting in Water Colours ..... 10 " For the best Crayon Drawing ..... 10 " For the second best ditto ..... 5 " For the best Group of Australian Flowers in Water Colours, painted by a lady ..... 5 " For the best piece of Needlework ..... 10 " For the second best ditto ..... 5 "

**MR. SAMUEL LYONS.**  
HAS to acquaint his friends and the public that his Stores are now open for the reception of WOOL, TALLOW, HIDES, AND SKINS, and whilst acknowledging past favours, can assure them that on being favoured with their patronage no effort shall be wanting on his part to obtain for his employers the highest price of the day at all seasons. WOOL OR TALLOW STORED NEXT FREE FOR THREE MONTHS. COMMISSION ON SALES, 1 PER CENT. CASH ADVANCED IF REQUIRED. \* \* \* \* \* Store-room and cool Cellarage for the above in any quantity. A SALE WILL BE HELD WEEKLY ON TUESDAY. 80

**FOR SALE, AT HUNT'S WARE-ROOMS, in Jamison-street, in great variety, of a quality, fashion, and workmanship not to be surpassed in the colony. Families and individuals honouring C. N. Hunt with a visit may depend upon meeting with a good assortment, and may be furnished with articles and patterns for any article requiring to be manufactured. FLOOR-CLOTH, for large rooms and halls, of handsome patterns, and well seasoned. ENGLISH HOUSEHOLD MATS, made to order, warranted free from smell. THE TRADE supplied with rosewood and mahogany veneers, prepared split cane, and plate glass, various sizes. November 24. 8901**

**SKILLING OFF.**  
THE Stock of Cabinet Furniture now on hand will be offered for sale at cost prices until finished and prepared, when the remaining portion will be sold by auction, which due notice will be given. 5667 JOSEPH SLX.

**CEDAR AND CALIFORNIA HOUSES FOR SALE.**  
ONE eight-roomed house, lined throughout with cedar, French windows and shutters, very complete in every respect, built to order. Two two-roomed houses, very snug and portable. 20,000 feet cedar in boards, 1 inch, 1 inch, 1 inch, 1 inch, 1 inch, and 2 inch, cut for California. 30,000 Feet prime Cedar, in logs, ex Juliet. On sale, and can be seen at Henry Hughes's Wharf, Bathurst-street. Apply MA. J. S. HANSON, At Messrs. Mitchell and Co.'s Market. December 15. 10254

**FLLOUR MILL.**  
ON SALE, ex "Ranger," one of Haite's patent Flour Mills, constructed expressly for the colonies. The machinery consists of a steam engine and boiler, with the whole of the grating complete, to drive one mill, and a complete set of sieves, sifting, and hoisting machines, and fanners, and the whole can be erected in a house of one story. For further particulars apply to ROBERT HOW, Lower George-street. 01193

**NOTICE.**  
ALEXANDER AND JAMES DONALDSON having purchased the Coal business of Mr. Threlkeld, and taken the wharf known as "Threlkeld's Wharf," at the bottom of Bathurst-street, beg to inform Mr. Threlkeld's friends and the public generally, that they will always have a constant supply of the best Coal, from the well-known Colliery of Messrs. William and John Donaldson, of Burwood, Newcastle; and trust by strict attention to all orders to merit a continuance of that support which their predecessor enjoyed. A. and J. D. solicit one trial of their coals, which they consider to be of more pecuniary value, and of more healthful, being less burning, and free of sulphur. Bathurst-street Wharf, late Threlkeld's. December 22. 10839

**CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.**  
FANCY COMMODITIES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS. THE undersigned has on hand the most extensive assortment in the Australian colonies, which he is prepared to sell at the lowest prices. HENRY PARKES, Importer and Manufacturer, 20, Hunter-street. Right hand from George-street. 1-299

**STOCKMEN AND SHEPHERDS' BOOTS.**  
PLAIN BOTTOMS, STITCHED BOTTOMS, LIGHT NAILED, HEAVY NAILED, WITH AND WITHOUT TIPS AND TOE PLATES. COUNTRY Storekeepers and Settlers requiring a really good article in Stockmen and Shepherds' Boots, the wear of which may be depended on, are requested to make a trial of those got up by JOSEPH VICKERY, Adelaide House, 357, George-street, Sydney. 9261

**THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION**  
of MURRAY'S School was held on Friday, the 21st instant, in the presence of a great number of parents of his pupils, and many other gentlemen, all of whom were surprised at the readiness with which the boys answered in the various studies in which they were engaged. The little boys convinced the company that they were well drilled in tables, weights, and measures; after which prizes were awarded to the following young gentlemen:—C. Jenkins, Latin and Arithmetic; Priestly, History and Penmanship; Keane, Geometry and Composition; Williams, Geography and History; Heydon, Latin and Arithmetic; Healy, Grammar and History; Scanlan, Arithmetic and Penmanship; Quill, History and Geography; Webb, Geography and Arithmetic; H. Jenkins, Mental Arithmetic and Latin; Corie, History and Penmanship; Wolff, Arithmetic and Writing; Denno, Callan and Fitzpatrick, Grammar and Penmanship; Wright, History; Weir, History and Penmanship; Lovell, Reading; I. Carter, Spelling. The duties of the School will be resumed on Monday, the 7th January. A vacancy for two boarders. Kensington-street South. 10816

**THIS DAY, the Normal Institution, 173, Elizabeth-street, taught by the Rev. Thomas Allen, A.M., was examined in the presence of three clergymen, a number of the parents of the children, and several visitors when the young gentlemen acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner in the various branches of a liberal education. The pupils were examined in Latin, Greek, French, Mathematics, English Reading, Grammar, and History. Several specimens of Penmanship and Maps were much admired for the taste and elegance with which they were executed. The progress and proficiency of the pupils evinced great diligence and ability on the part of the teacher, and such as to prove him deserving of the support and encouragement of the public. After the examination prizes were distributed to the successful candidates, according to the following list:—**

**PRIZES:—**  
In Classics and Mathematics— 1. George Docker 2nd Latin Class 1. Daniel Taylor 2. Harry Soale 3. Charles Lett 4. Daniel Kilpatrick 5. George Docker 6. John Sempill 7. Robert Neilson 8. William Clarke 9. Edward J. H. Knapp 10. Charles Lett 11. George Docker 12. Edward J. H. Knapp 13. William Clarke 14. Harry Soale 15. Robert Neilson 16. George Docker 17. Thomas Hill 18. James Craig 19. John Clark 20. For the Cleanest and Neatest Book of Accounts. William Allen For Maps. 1. Edward J. H. Knapp 2. Daniel Kilpatrick 3. Maurice A. Felton 4. George Docker 5. Harry Soale 6. Robert Neilson 7. George Docker 8. Thomas Hill 9. James Craig 10. John Clark 11. For the Cleanest and Neatest Book of Accounts. William Allen For Maps. 1. Edward J. H. Knapp 2. Daniel Kilpatrick 3. Maurice A. Felton 4. George Docker 5. Harry Soale 6. Robert Neilson 7. George Docker 8. Thomas Hill 9. James Craig 10. John Clark 11. For the Cleanest and Neatest Book of Accounts. William Allen For Maps. 1. Edward J. H. 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